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SUBJECT:YANG CHIN-HAI

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY REPORTING ON YANG CHIN-HAI CASE. EMBASSY'S REFTEL (A) AND THREE MEMCONS HAVE PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND ON YANG'S HEALTH, OBTAINED INFORMALLY FROM MOFA OFFICER CHANG HSIAO-YEN.

2. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF SEEKING FORMAL, WRITTEN MOFA REPLIES TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR'S DEMARCHES ON POLITICAL PRISONER CASES.

3. IF MOFA HAS NO YET TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY A WRITTEN REPLY TO POL CONS FEBRUARY 17 DEMARCHE CONCERNING YANG'S CASE, EMBASSY SHOULD INQUIRE AGAIN WHEN ONE CAN BE EXPECTED.

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4. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECEIVE THE PHOTOCOPY OF YANG'S MEDICAL RECORD WHICH MEMCON STATES CHANG HSIAO-YEN GAVE TO EMBOFF ON MARCH 22. IF THE RECORD DOES NOT COVER THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF YANG'S ARREST (FROM PRE-TRIAL DE-

TENTION TO THE PRESENT), WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S

ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN COMPLETE MEDICAL RECORD. CHRISTOPHER

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